



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: James R. Prudent *et al.*

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Examiner: Jeffrey Siew

Entitled: **Nucleic Acid Detection Assays**

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 26, 2003**

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Sir or Madam:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2003, with response due on or before February 26, 2004. A petition for a one month extension of time to March 26, 2004, is included herewith.

In accordance with the procedure for Revised Amendment Practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please amend the above-identified application as follows :

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.